

From my perspective, it is vitally important that we continue to support institutions such as the U.S. Botanic Garden not only because of its ability to preserve rare and vital plants essential to life but also for its potential to inspire the entrepreneurial spirit. We know its visitors will one day lead to increased economic output and job creation in the agricultural sector of our economy so dependent on innovation and advanced technology.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to reject any amendment that would reduce funding to the U.S. Botanic Garden.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. HERBERT
PARDES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and celebrate my dear friend, Dr. Herbert Pardes, on his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Herbert Pardes has dedicated his life to advancing the medical profession and patient care. He received his medical degree from the State University of New York in Brooklyn and completed his residency in psychiatry at Kings County Hospital. He also received additional psychoanalytic training at the New York Psychoanalytic clinic.

Since 1999, Dr. Pardes has been President and CEO of New York-Presbyterian Hospital. Under his guidance the hospital has achieved an incredibly impressive record; it is top-ranked in the New York metropolitan area and is consistently ranked among the best academic medical institutions in the Nation. The Hospital is the largest not-for-profit hospital and one of the most comprehensive hospitals in the world.

Dr. Pardes has always been an active advocate for academic medicine and advancing medical technology. The importance he places on academic medicine has helped to produce a generation of new highly skilled doctors to combat emerging health issues. He participates at the State and local level by supporting legislation that increases the quality of care in hospitals. He is a passionate supporter for achieving the best possible medical care for all who need it.

Dr. Pardes was appointed by Congress and President George W. Bush to serve on the Commission on Systemic Interoperability, which initiated action to develop a national health information technology infrastructure. During the Clinton administration he served on an advisory commission on consumer protection and quality in the health care industry. He is Chairman Emeritus of the eHealth Initiative and serves on the boards of the Macy Foundation and Markle Foundation, which are dedicated to improving quality, safety and efficiency in health care.

Dr. Pardes is devoted to enhancing patient care. He implemented a campaign called We Put Patients First to humanize the hospital experience for patients and their families. He also launched myNYP.org, a website which allows patients and families to access personal health records online. Dr. Pardes has also strived towards fostering close interaction be-

tween the hospital and communities in New York. He initiated the Lang Youth Medical Program, a six-year science education and mentoring program for middle and high school students, and helped start the WIN for Asthma outreach program along with other community health screening events.

I greatly admire the leadership that Dr. Pardes has provided to the medical community. He has demonstrated great care for his patients and has tirelessly worked to improve their experience and the quality of their health care. He is an extraordinary example of the tremendous changes that can be accomplished through the dedication of one individual.

I ask my colleagues and a very grateful Nation to join me in this special Congressional Recognition of Dr. Herbert Pardes.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF AUDREY
RUST ON THE OCCASION OF HER
RETIREMENT FROM PENINSULA
OPEN SPACE TRUST

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Audrey Rust, a highly distinguished constituent, a nationally recognized leader of land preservation and a cherished friend on her 24 years as President, CEO and Executive Director of Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST).

Under her exceptional leadership since 1987, Ms. Rust has led POST, the Palo Alto, California based nonprofit land trust and has worked successfully in partnership with public agencies and private landowners to bring permanent protection to thousands of acres of open space lands in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. Recognized across the country as a conservation innovator and champion, she has helped protect local landscapes that are now part of the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the California State Parks, as well as county and city parks, regional open space preserves and private farmlands.

Before coming to POST, Ms. Rust worked with the Sierra Club, Yale University and Stanford University. She has served on the boards of numerous local, State and national organizations, primarily in the conservation and housing arena. She has received the Times Mirror-Chevron National Conservationist of the Year Award; the League of California Voters Environmental Leadership Award; the Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal; the Garden Club of America's top environmental honor; and the Jacqueline Kennedy Award from JFK University for her achievements in land conservation. Ms. Rust is a graduate of the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

I've been privileged to know and work with Audrey Rust for many years. She has been a friend, a mentor, and an inspiration to me and to thousands more. Audrey is one of the great environmental heroes of our Nation. Her determination and focus have shaped an extraordinary legacy and our entire Nation is grateful to her for leading the way in saving and preserving the world-class beauty and natural integrity of the Peninsula, South Bay and Coastside of California for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I'm very proud to have my Bay Area colleagues—Leader NANCY PELOSI; Representative SAM FARR; Representative MIKE HONDA; Representative ZOE LOFGREN; Representative JERRY MCNERNEY, and Representative JACKIE SPEIER join me in honoring Audrey Rust. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring and thanking Audrey Rust for her unparalleled record of leadership and wish her a joyful retirement. Audrey Rust is indeed a national treasure and it is a privilege to represent her and call her my friend.

COMMENDING THE U.S. WOMEN'S
SOCCER TEAM

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend our U.S. Women's Soccer Team in their thrilling race to the World Cup Final. Although it was ultimately Japan who captured the World Cup Trophy, as a country we could not be more proud of our team, their tremendous effort throughout the Cup, and their grace in accepting defeat. Regardless of the outcome, there is much to be said about how their playing inspired a country. The attention of the world has turned to women's sports, and these women are serving as positive role models to young girls across the globe. It has been a long twelve years since the heroics of the victorious US Women's National Team in the 1999 World Cup, and I want to congratulate the 2011 team for exemplifying champions, win or lose. The image of Brandi Chastain, fists clenched, basking in the glory of a World Cup victory that captivated our spirits all those years ago still hangs on the wall of my office.

As a representative from western New York, I especially want to congratulate the amazing performance of Abby Wambach, a native of my hometown: Rochester, New York. She scored her 100th career international goal in Rochester and she carries with her the support of Rochesterians wherever she goes. She is a four-time winner of the U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year award, and is currently the fourth all-time leading scorer in international soccer history. She scored the gold-medal-winning goal in the 2004 Olympics and saved the quarterfinal match in this year's cup against Brazil when she scored a gut-wrenching equalizer off her head in the final moments. In the semi final victory over France, she tallied two more scores, including the go-ahead goal against France in the 79th minute. Of the two amazing goals scored by the U.S. in the finals, Abby scored the go-ahead header in extra time, and Alex Morgan, a player for the Western New York Flash, scored the other.

Alex, a 22-year-old phenom, has impressed the world with her quick feet and prominence as a striker, and she is being heralded as the future star of U.S. women's soccer. The entire Upstate New York area is beaming with pride and admiration of these two players as they represented our area so well.

The fervor and enthusiasm for our team was encapsulated in the hero's welcome Abby received when she returned to Rochester, with

several of her teammates in tow. It was "Abby Wambach Day" in Rochester, and she received a key to the city in commendation of her awe-inspiring talents. The regularly scheduled game between magicJack of Boca Raton, FL and the Western New York Flash saw a sellout crowd of 15,404, a record for the 3-year-old league. It is clear that we have all been infused with a love of the game and a respect for our players, and I hope that passion never dies.

The success of the U.S. Women's National Team is of particular importance because it shows young women and girls that like men, they too can earn the respect and admiration of the world through hard work, teamwork, and perseverance on the athletic field.

Since 2004, I've sponsored legislation in the House that would help high schools improve opportunities for girls in sports, and thereby encourage greater participation of both girls and boys in athletics. H.R. 458, the High School Athletics Accountability Act, would require that high schools report basic data on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. Without information about how athletic opportunities and benefits are being allocated at the high school level, female students may be deprived of their chance to participate in athletics.

And participation in sports has a multitude of positive effects on young women and girls, both physically and socially. For many young women, sports are often their ticket to higher education through athletic scholarships. I've met with so many Olympic gold medalists that told me without Title IX, which gave them access to athletic scholarships; they never would have had the chance to go to college. While we have made significant strides towards equity in athletics—since the 1972 enactment of Title IX the number of women competing in college sports has soared by more than 500 percent while the number of high school girls competing in sports increased by over 1,000 percent—we must continue to monitor our progress and ensure that our nation's young women have the rights and opportunities they deserve.

This year's Women's World Cup was thrilling and is indicative of the amazing talent of our U.S. Women's National Team. The success of our team has captivated men, women and children who nervously watched as the squad overcame Brazil in the last minute to triumph in penalty kicks, and then swept past France with their athleticism shining as they moved onto the final. I proudly cheered for them as they faced Japan on Sunday in the final, and was filled with admiration for their relentlessness on the field. Their accomplishments as a team are inspiring: two Women's World Cups, three Olympic Gold Medals, and eight Algarve Cups, earning them a commendation as one of the finest teams in the world. I must also congratulate Japan for their performance and sportsmanship in a game that was watched by millions around the globe, and that kept everyone on the edge of their seats into the final penalty kicks. Though the U.S. team was ultimately unsuccessful in a heartbreaking 3–1 penalty shootout, I cannot imagine a more deserving adversary in Japan, who so recently suffered a devastating earthquake and tsunami. I hope this victory will bring joy to their people, and I know that the Japanese citizens are as proud of their team as we are of ours.

Abby and her teammates have been role models for all with their poise both on and off the field and their dedication to the sport. I could not be more proud of her and her teammates as role models for young women interested in sports. I encourage children of all ages to be as inspired by the success of the U.S. Women's National team as I am, and to get involved with sports so that everyone can reap the benefits of this highly beneficial activity. Best of luck to the U.S. Women's National Team in the future; I know this is not the last time we will be cheering for them in the World Cup Finals. With the London 2012 Olympic Games on the horizon, we won't have to wait long to see them back in action on the world stage. Go USA!

TRIBUTE TO KYLE D. PAGERLY

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Berks County Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly for his service and sacrifice to Pennsylvania and the United States. Deputy Kyle Pagerly was killed in the line of duty on June 29, 2011.

Kyle was a 2001 graduate of Wilson High School in West Lawn, Berks County, PA. Following his graduation he served honorably as a U.S. Army Military Police Officer in Kosovo and Iraq. Upon returning home, Kyle pursued a career in law enforcement and graduated from the Reading Police Academy, Federal Prison Academy, and Philadelphia Canine Academy.

Kyle proudly served as a Deputy in the K–9 Unit of the Berks County Sheriff's Department with his German Shepherd partner, Jynx. He loved to be outdoors, hiking, and enjoying nature. He was an active runner and loved to work out. He ran a marathon in 2010 and completed numerous triathlons.

On June 29, 2011 Deputy Pagerly was part of a fugitive task force dispatched to serve a warrant in Albany Township. When task force members arrived, the suspect fled into the nearby woods. Deputy Pagerly and his partner Jynx pursued him when the suspect opened fire. Once Deputy Pagerly was hit, Jynx attempted to pull him to safety and alerted other officers of the shooter's presence. Deputy Pagerly was gravely wounded and airlifted to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. Had it not been for Deputy Pagerly and his partner's actions, it is very possible that more lives could have been lost.

Deputy Kyle Pagerly died a hero. He dedicated his life to the protection of his fellow man. He gave life, even through his death, by donating his organs and tissues so that others can live. Kyle's death has not been forgotten by the community he loved and served. At Deputy Pagerly's memorial service, Berks County Sheriff Eric Weaknecht retired Kyle's call number and awarded his partner Jynx the Medal of Honor. Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly was later awarded the same Medal of Honor posthumously.

A memorial fund has been set up in Kyle's name, numerous benefits have been held in his honor, and thousands of people have joined Facebook pages dedicated to his life

and memory. Kyle Pagerly is survived by his wife, Alecia Anne, as well as his parents, his siblings, and his first child, due in January.

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of a true American hero, Deputy Sheriff Kyle D. Pagerly.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND
DR. ROLAN LEWIS WOMACK, JR.
AND REVEREND DR. BETTY
WASHINGTON WOMACK

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 22, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Rolan Lewis Womack, Jr. and Reverend Dr. Betty Washington Womack, the founding pastor and first lady of Milwaukee's Progressive Baptist Church. After 23 years of dedicated service to their congregation and the greater Milwaukee community, they are retiring to their native Texas.

While fulfilling his role as pastor/teacher/prophet, Dr. Rolan Womack completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He is a native of Houston, Texas and is a graduate of Texas Southern University with an earned Masters of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. Dr. Betty Womack is a native of Galveston, Texas, a graduate of Huston-Tillotson College and an earned Masters of Education degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She served as Director of Student Services in the Beaver Dam School District and received her administrative certification at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She received a Doctorate of Education from Milwaukee's Cardinal Stritch University.

Dr. Rolan Womack has a social justice activism and community advocacy ministry that features an Afrocentric frame of reference. He is one of the strongest advocates in the community and is a frequent guest on local radio talk shows and local television on issues related to justice and public education. Dr. Rolan Womack has been featured in Education Weekly and other periodicals and has participated in educational forums in many major cities.

The ministry at Progressive Baptist includes a Youth Ministry, Music and Stage Ministry, Discipleship and Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, W.I.N.G.S. HIV–AIDS ministry and Custodial and Fiscal Ministries. Dr. Betty Womack has a strong commitment to the development of youth and youth programs at Progressive. She has fostered the Christian development of youth by organizing and administering Vacation Bible School and Youth Outings to historic and scientific sites. Together they actively work with new members in Foundation classes to integrate them into the life of Progressive Church. Dr. Betty Womack is the past president of the W.I.N.G.S. HIV–AIDS ministry.

She is the past President of the Wisconsin Pastor's Wives Association and the former Executive Board Member of the American Baptist Education Association of Wisconsin. He is the past president of the Wisconsin Baptist Pastors Conference, a director of the Minority Ministers Alliance, past General Secretary of the